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PART VI

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE, OLD PUBLIC OFFICES, BANGALORE.

Press Note.

ENQUIRY INTO CORRUPTION ON INDIAN RAILWAYS.

General Questionnaire to Individuals and Organisations Interested in Railway Transport.

The following general questionnaire issued by the Railway Corruption Enquiry Committee, Ministry of Railways, Government of India, New Delhi. is published for general information. Individuals and organisations interested in railway transport are requested to prepare replies of concrete cases with facts, figures and date, time and place of occurrence, wherever possible, and send the same to the Secretary, Railway Corruption Enquiry Committee, Ministry of Railways, Government of India, New Delhi, direct, so as to reach him by 31st December 1953.

General Questionnaire.

1. What are the modes of corruption prevalent amongst the railway staff in respect of the following :—

(*a*) Booking of goods and parcels traffic with special reference to—

(i) registration,
(ii) allotment of wagons,
(iii) loading,
(iv) delays in transit specially to perishable and livestock,
(v) unloading, and
(vi) delivery.

(*b*) Booking of passengers and their luggage with special reference to—

(i) opening of booking windows,
(ii) charging fares for tickets,
(iii) charging excess fares for making tickets available for higher class or longer distances,
(iv) granting refunds on unused tickets,
(v) reservation of berths,
(vi) reservation of carriages and their movements, and
(vii) booking of luggage.

2. Is the information about allotment, restrictions, etc., exhibited on the notice boards at Stations and also intimated to the Chambers of Commerce, etc. ?

3. (*a*) Are there cases of empty wagons "placed" being shown as "non-placed" to avoid payment of demurrage and/or forfeiture of registration fee ?
(*b*) Is this done in the case of inward loaded wagons also to avoid payment of demurrage ?

4. Are there cases of deliberate under-weighment to avoid the payment of the full freight charges ? Are they numerous ?

5. Are there cases of deliberate over-weighment to put forward false claims ?

6. Are there cases of persons getting wagons of larger floor area in collusion with the railway staff ?

7. What is the extent of ticketless travelling and to what extent is it resorted to because of the connivance of the railway staff ?

8. What are the ways in which thefts and pilferages of goods and parcels occur—

(i) in railway stations,
(ii) in marshalling yards, and
(iii) on running trains ?

To what extent are the railway staff responsible for these thefts and pilferages ?

9. What is the *modus operandi* generally adopted in following such *malpractices* ?

10. Are you aware of any instances of empty wagons being unnecessarily detained on any railway at intermediate yards ?

11. Are there cases of pilgrims being harassed by the railway staff particularly during the melas, to extract illegal gratification ?

12. What measures do you suggest to eradicate these *malpractices* ?

13. In what way can the public co-operation be enlisted to eradicate these *malpractices* ?

14. Do you consider that periodical checks by a Committee of Railway Officers and non-officials at important sations will be useful in ensuring proper allotments and giving satisfaction to the public ?

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FOREST DEPARTMENT

BANGALORE FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated 10th November 1953.

Re :—Sale of Casuarina Plantations in Bangalore Range during 1953-54.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove the casuarina trees yielding poles and firewood in the undermentioned plantation will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District or by any other officer deputed by him on Monday, the 7th December 1953 at 2 P.M. in the District Forest Office, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore-3. The sale is subject to the confirmation by the District Forest Officer, or the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, Bangalore, as the case may be.

The sale will be held on acreage basis. Each bidder shall, before he is permitted to bid, produce a solvency certificate in the prescribed form with an earnest deposit of Rs. 200 with the Sale Conducting Officer.

Immediately after the sale is closed the highest bidder should pay the full sale amount with usual cesses and sales tax at the rate of Re. 0-3-3 in the Rupee.

The trees purchased should be removed before the end of March 1954 from the date of execution of the agreement which the purchaser has to execute within seven days from the date of intimation of the confirmation order.

For further conditions and other particulars please apply to the District Forest Officer, Bangalore District, Sandal Koti Buildings, Malleswaram, Bangalore-3.

SCHEDULE.

	Name of State Forest		Year of Plantation	Area of Plantation
1.	Jarakabande 'A' Block	...	1945-46 Plantations.	50 acres

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